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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Applicants' records indicate that it has been more than thirty (30) months since a Notice to File Missing Parts ("Notice") was issued in connection with the above-identified application. In response to the Notice, Applicants filed the required signed

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declaration and substitute drawings on 28 February 2002. Applicants also filed a Status Inquiry on 07 July 2003, requesting an updated status for the application. On 17 July 2003, Applicants received the attached communication indicating that the application would be examined in 4-7 months from the date of that communication. Although it has been nearly nine (9) months since the communication issued, the undersigned has not received an action on the merits in the above-identified application.

Accordingly Applicants again respectfully request an updated status for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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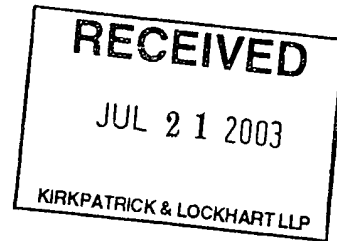


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We project that this application will be first examined in 4 to 7 months from today.

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